

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EVALUATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have evaluated the Centrally Sponsored Rural Development Schemes during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith shortcomings and achievements, scheme-wise and year-wise, in terms of financial and physical targets set and achieved; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to recast/abandon/ formulate new schemes in Rural Development Sector alongwith the justification therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : All India evaluation of Million Wells Scheme(MWS) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) was conducted during September, 1998 to May, 1999 and a Quick Evaluation of seven programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development, namely, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), National Social Assistance Programme [comprising National Old Age Pension Scheme(NOAPS), National Family Benefit Scheme(NFBS) and National Maternity Benefit Scheme(NMBS)], Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), Watershed Development Programme [implemented under Drought Prone Areas Programme(DPAP), Desert Development Programme(DDP) and Integrated Watershed Development Projects(IWDP)], Supply of Improved Tool Kits to Rural Artisans (SITRA) and Information Education and Communication (IEC) was conducted during 1999-2000. Scheme-wise and year-wise financial and physical performance of Centrally Sponsored Rural Development Programmes during the last five years (1996-97 to 2000-2001) is given in the Statement at Annexure.

(c): A new holistic programme namely, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), covering all aspects of self employment, has been launched with effect from 01.04.1999 and the schemes, namely, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment(TRYSEM), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Supply of Improved Toolkits to Rural Artisans (SITRA), Ganga Kalyan Yojana (GKY) and Million Wells Scheme (MWS) have been discontinued.

Another scheme, namely, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana was also launched with effect from 01.04.1999 by restructuring Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). Further, Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Rural Housing and Central Rural Sanitation Programme(CRSP) have been restructured with effect from 01.04.1999. New Schemes, namely, Annapurna, Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been launched during 2000-2001.